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FATE OF THE DOLLAR

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THE MEX. REFUSED

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Why should the Hong Kong silver dollar be more popular than the Mexican dollar, as is alleged? Following the recent decision (in the interests of local trade) to make the big coin legal tender, there have been complaints about shopkeepers refusing the silver dollar and of some bus conductors in Kowloon giving preference to the Hong Kong piece. Then, again, some of the leading native banks have imported Mexican dollars from Hong Kong—at a profit—and paid same into accounts with exchange banks. And some of the exchange banks have imported new Hong Kong dollars—also at a profit—from the Bombay mint. Here is an extract from an article on currency, banks, weights and measures specially written by Mr. E. Kann for the new "China Year Book."

THE UNIVERSAL MEDIUM

The dollar has become very popular in China and enjoys an extensive circulation throughout the whole country. Undoubtedly the dollar is destined to be chosen the universal medium of circulation in China, and as such is likely to replace the clumsy asycee tael. This change presupposes, however, effective control over the provincial mints on the part of the Government, so that one single pattern of a uniform dollar could be produced.

In the beginning of the 16th century Spanish traders, from their base in the Philippine Islands, introduced the Carolus dollar which succeeded in maintaining its status in Shanghai until 1856. By that time it had reached a premium of over 30 per cent, thereby causing much harm to legitimate trade. It was in 1856 that the Spanish (Carolus) dollar was replaced as book-currency in Shanghai by the tael. Apart from the Carolus dollar there were also Peruvian, Chilean and Bolivian dollars current in China, but not in large quantities. Although originally introduced into China in the early part of the 16th century, the Spanish dollar gained wide circulation after the opening of Canton for foreign trade in A.D. 1757. It became the currency for international transactions, and banks' exchange quotations were based thereon. After the minting of Carolus dollars had been discontinued in Mexico in the forties of the 19th century, rather large premiums were demanded in China, causing the gradual replacement of the Carolus dollars by either asycee or by rival coins.

THE "PESO"

Foremost amongst the latter is the Mexican dollar which was first struck in the homeland in 1824; there it was styled "peso." Owing to its superior fine content and uniformity of composition the Mexican dollar became for a lengthy period the most widely used coin in the world. It was current in North and South America, the West Indies, the islands of the Pacific, Japan and throughout the major portion of Asia. The Mexican dollar first entered China in 1854, and by 1911 the total number circulating there was estimated at 600 millions. In 1914 a new and formidable rival to the Mexican dollar arose in the shape of the Yuan Shih-kai dollar. Since then the Mexican coins have been vanishing from circulation in China. In 1929 they were still circulating in the Shanghai district, but the total was by no means large.

The success, attained by the United States in inducing the mine owners to petition Congress in 1873 to have their surplus silver coins for special requirements of the Far East, has been a valuable precedent for the American Government. The Chinese Government, however, has not followed this precedent, and the Chinese dollar has not been able to compete with the Mexican dollar in the Chinese market.



THE NEGLECTED MEXICAN

the Yuan Shih-kai dollar which made its first appearance at the end of 1914. Since that time it has marched in triumph through the entire length and breadth of the huge country and its dependencies. The methods adopted at the various provincial mints where the Yuan Shih-kai dollar was struck differed somewhat from each other. In consequence there of there is a distinct want of uniformity, but nevertheless the legally fixed standard has been fairly well maintained and the coin itself passes everywhere in China without dispute.

DR. SUN YAT-SEN

In 1927 the National Government, instructed the provincial mints at Hangchow and Nanking to cease coining the Yuan Shih-kai dollar and to produce instead a dollar piece with the effigy of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. An old die was used for this purpose, made in 1912 at Nanking for the purpose of producing the first Republican commemorative coin. During a portion of 1927 and the year 1928 about 150 million Sun Yat-sen dollars have been coined at Hangchow and Nanking. The National Government was making endeavours to procure suitable designs for a new Sun Yat-sen dollar which was meant to serve as a model for the intended introduction of a uniform dollar all over the country.

Apart from these specimens of Chinese dollars there are 11 different indigenous dollar coins known to exist which were created since 1912 in memory of auspicious events. These coins are of no concern as a medium of circulation and only destined to enrich the collection of numismatists.

THE SHANGHAI MARKET

The cost of producing Chinese dollars has been indicated as Shanghai tael 0.727984. The particulars from which this constant results emanated from the Nanking mint authorities. However, I venture to doubt their accuracy, since the mint does not cease work whenever the price of dollars falls below the figure of 0.728 Shanghai tael. In March of 1926, for instance, the Nanking mint was working, although dollars were then priced at 0.718 on the Shanghai market. As I have shown in my book "The Currency of China," Kelly & Walsh Ltd., Shanghai, 1927 full-weight dollar coins with the legally prescribed fineness cost to produce 0.70811 Shanghai tael. To this figure has to be added the cost of minting, interest, freight and incidental expenses.

It now remains to give particulars relative to the composition of the dollar coins current in China:

SOVIET RESENTS U.S. NOTE

DOES NOT LIKE KELLOGG PACT REMINDERS

"HOSTILE ACTS"

Moscow, Yesterday.
M. Herbet, the French Ambassador, visited M. Litvinoff to-day, in order to hand him a communication from the Rumanian Government in connection with the action of Mr. H. L. Stimson, the U.S. Secretary of State, reminding Moscow and Nanking of their Kellogg Pact obligations.

M. Litvinoff refused to accept the communication, and declared that as the Sino-Russian dispute was almost completely settled, all statements about joining with Mr. Stimson's action were aimless.

"SUNDAY HERALD" CUP

The annual football matches for the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup will be played to-morrow and Thursday at Happy Valley.

To-morrow Portugal and China will meet and on Thursday England will play against Scotland.

It is anticipated that record gates will be obtained.

and could only be considered as a hostile demonstration.

Conference Concludes

Mukden, Yesterday.
It is learned from a Russian source that the Habarovsk Conference has concluded.

It was decided to hold a formal conference in Moscow on January 25, 1930.

Chinese Amazed

Nanking, Yesterday.
Chinese authorities express amazement regarding reports that the Manchuria authorities in any way prevented the international train proceeding to the Siberian-Manchurian border. Officials emphatically declare that military measures by the Soviet troops were responsible for the inability of the train to proceed to its desired destination.

China is most desirous that neutrals visit the zone, which was ravaged by wanton raids of Soviet troops, and that neutrals make known to the world the responsibility of the Soviet in invading China.

ese territory, and violating the Kellogg Pact."—Reuter.

The Mongol Republic

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The project for a new Mongol Republic, under Soviet encouragement, in the district of Barga, is reported in official despatches from Harbin and Mukden. This proposal is likely further to complicate the vexed C.E.R. situation.

Apparently, according to trustworthy information reaching Japanese officials, the Young Mongols took opportunity of the November invasion to occupy towns deserted by the Chinese. Hence Hallar is at present held, not by Soviet regulars, but by Mongols with Russian and Burial officers, and Russian arms. A partial confirmation of this is the Russian statement at the Harbarovsk conference that Hallar is occupied by Mongol Russians, and they are unable to compel its evacuation.

The Governor of Heilungkiang has reported the Barga situation to Mukden, and Chang Hsueh-liang has despatched several Mongol princes, acknowledging his overlordship, to Barga to attempt to head off the independence movement.

Japanese opinion is that Soviet officials may be encouraging the Barga development in order to strengthen their claim that the Chinese are unable to maintain peace in the C.E.R. zone. Hence the Soviet may claim that they must share in policing the railway when the question arises at the coming C.E.R. conference at Moscow.—Reuter.

ARMS FOR CHINA

Germans Defy Order Of Prohibition

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Henderson stated that the evasion of the prohibition of German export of war materials were so far insufficiently important to justify the attention of the League Council being drawn to them.

Sir Frederick Hall, asked whether the proposed exportation of sixteen railway truckloads of munitions to China was insufficient to justify intervention. Mr. Henderson promised to consider the enquiry if Sir Frederick Hall would provide him with information.—Reuter.

SNOW IN NANKING

Nanking, Yesterday.
Nanking has been covered for two days with a snowfall, eighteen inches deep. All military units including guards and Whampoa cadets have been ordered out by President Chiang to clean the streets.—Canton News Agency.

HOME AIR MAILS

Rangoon, Yesterday.
The Secretary for India stated in the House of Commons that the Karachi-to-Delhi air mail would be inaugurated in connection with the 10th anniversary of the independence of India.

THE INDIAN MENACE

DEMAND FOR HOME RULE

VICEROY BOMBED

LORD & LADY IRWIN ESCAPE INJURY

New Delhi, Yesterday.
The Conference between the Viceroy and the Indian Nationalist leaders this afternoon broke down on the main question of Dominion Status.

UNAWARE OF OUTRAGE

New Delhi, Later.
Many local residents mistook the sound of the explosion for guns fired in honour of the Viceroy's return. Hence, when Lord Irwin arrived at the new Viceroy's House, the Mundeali was unaware of the outrage and presented an address.

Lord Irwin, replying, dealt with the fact that the centre of the Imperial rule had returned to Delhi, and paid tribute to the architects, Sir Edwin Lutyens and Sir Herbert Baker, whose work in New Delhi formed a worthy setting for the labours of "those whose task it will be under Providence to achieve the full destiny of India among the Dominions of the Empire and trusting that the qualities of unity of design and beauty, joined to vigour in execution, may ever be reflected in the work of those who labour here in the service of India."

MESSAGE TO KING

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Stanley Baldwin, and Sir John Simon, regarding the New Delhi outrage, Capt. Wedgwood Benn read a message from the Viceroy to the King: "I regret to have to inform Your Majesty that an attempt was made this morning to wreck my train by exploding a bomb under it as we were approaching Delhi. Luckily, no harm was done and few of us realised what had occurred. I hope Your Majesty, therefore, will not be disturbed by exaggerated reports."

Capt. Benn added that he was sure that he was expressing the sentiments of the House in voicing his profound thanks that Lord and Lady Irwin and their staff provisionally escaped injury from the dastardly outrage.

A VEILED THREAT

London, Later.
The Indian Central Committee, under the chairmanship of Sir Sankar Anand, formed last year for the Indian legislature working in co-operation with the Simon Commission, has issued a report laying down "the minimum demands"—firstly, an explicit declaration that the full Dominion Status of India is the goal at which the British Government aims; secondly, the immediate substantial steps towards it by conferring on Provinces a liberal measure of autonomy, and making the Government of India responsible to the legislature; finally, that the Government of India Act is amended to enable Dominion Status to be achieved without further enquiries from statutory commissions etc.

The Committee believes that this may be "the last opportunity of the British Government to acquiesce in the support of all the saner and more responsible elements of Indian opinion," and hopes that, in combination with the ideas of the Statutory Commission and Indian Central Committee, there may be found a solution to the grave and very intricate problems.

LARGER ELECTORATE

The Indian Committee details the recommendations of provincial autonomy and the allocation of respective functions to Governors and Government Generals, and requires the present electorate to be doubled immediately, and the whole of the adult population compulsorily enfranchised by 1931. It recommends the abolition of communal electorates, except in the cases of Europeans, Anglo-Indians and depressed classes, and alludes to the widespread belief that the British Army would be maintained as a weapon to keep India in subjection.

Therefore, it recommends "as an explicit demand" that the Provincial Governments be granted the right to raise a local army and maintain internal security.

Regarding the Central Government, the Committee proposes that all subjects except for the defence of India and foreign relations, should be transferred to the control of ministers responsible to the legislature. Without the Governor-General's sanction, the legislature would be incompetent to deal with the public debt; public revenue; religious affairs; British defence forces and foreign relations; and recommends that the India Office transfer to the Government of India powers to raise loans to recruit the services, and says that the Secretary of State should be assisted by two Indian Under-Secretaries, the least one of whom should sit in Parliament. Finally, that a Military College and a Supreme Court should be established in India.—Reuter.

EXPLODED TOO SOON

Rangoon, Yesterday.
According to latest information, the bomb was buried between the rails and was not exploded as it was thought to be. The bomb was a small one, and was exploded by a small army officer.

THWARTING PIRATES

SHIPPING FIRMS RESPONSIBLE

NAVAL PATROLS

PIRACY COMMITTEE STUDYING QUESTION

In the House of Commons at question time Mr. Arthur Henderson said that His Majesty's Government had by no means contributed to the ransom money paid to bandits by British subjects in China during the last three years.

Mr. A. V. Alexander said that he was satisfied that everything possible was being done by His Majesty's Navy to prevent piratical outrages on British merchantmen in China.

As regards the methods to be adopted to prevent such outrages, it was pointed out that pirates travelled in ships disguised as passenger vessels. Responsibility for dealing with this form of piracy rested primarily on the shipping companies and the civil authorities ashore. His Majesty's navy assisted the suppression of piracy by patrolling the vicinity of well-known bases such as Bias Bay in order to intercept pirated ships before they were brought in and abandoned.

A piracy committee, under the Governor of Hong Kong, was studying the question and constantly urging upon the Chinese authorities the necessity of using every means in their power to locate and round up pirates in the villages.

The only additional expenditure in the Navy due to piracy was the cost of full expended in special patrols.—Reuter.

From the railway. The bomb exploded before the Viceroy's coach passed over it.

PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS

This is the second bomb outrage in Delhi this year. Two bombs were thrown last March from the gallery of the Legislative Assembly and five people were injured. The attempt to assassinate Lord Hardinge, who was then Viceroy, was made exactly seventeen years ago to-day. Lord Hardinge was about to make his State entry into Delhi, accompanied by Lady Hardinge. They were riding an elephant and a bomb struck the howdah, wounding Lord Hardinge and killing his attendant.—British Wireless Service.

ATTENDANT INJURED

New Delhi, Yesterday.
A bomb to-day hit the Viceroy's of India's train, and wrecked an empty restaurant car.

One attendant was slightly injured. The Viceroy, however, is safe.

Later.

The Viceroy's train was bombed 10 miles from Delhi, this morning. A dining-car door was smashed, and one man injured. The occurrence came on the eve of the Viceroy's conference from five Nationalist leaders this afternoon.

TRAIN SHAKEN

Lord Irwin and his staff were returning to Delhi at the conclusion of a successful tour of the leading Indian states. A bomb placed on the wall exploded as the train passed over. The whole train was considerably shaken, but nevertheless arrived at Delhi punctually.

It is thought that the outrage was an attempt to sabotage the conference with the Nationalist leaders.

The train was travelling at 50 miles an hour in a thick fog two miles outside New Delhi station. The welcome party, when they heard the detonation, at first attributed it to a fog signal. A medical officer aboard the train first discovered the disaster to the restaurant car, which was immediately behind the Viceroy's coach. Lord Irwin viewed the damage, and chatted with the injured attendant, and the train proceeded to New Delhi without stopping.

RECONCILIATION TRIED

It was while visiting Hyderabad that the Viceroy received information that the Nationalist leaders Chandi, Motilal Nehru, Mr. Patel, Mr. Jinnah, and Sir Tej Bahadur, wished to give him their views on his recent announcement regarding a round-table conference on the future constitution of India.

The Viceroy accordingly invited them to meet him at Viceroy's House to-day. The meeting was additionally important, as the All-India Congress opens at Lahore on Thursday to consider the action to be taken by the Congress Party in view of its decision at the beginning of the year to start a campaign of civil resistance to British rule, if Dominion status is not granted by the end of the year.

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a Further Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the same place on WEDNESDAY, 15th January, 1930, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

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HUMAN BONE**Miss Mona Grey's Suit For Damages****AMUSING INTERLUDES**

A human bone was used in the King's Bench to demonstrate the character of an injury, which Miss Mona Grey, the variety artiste, alleged that she received in an accident. Miss Grey brought an action for damages against Stelling's Garage, Ltd., Southampton Street, and Mr. Lawrence Nicol Kimble, of Brixton.

Mr. Martin O'Connor, Miss Grey's counsel, told how the accident occurred, and describing the injury to her shoulder produced an arm bone. Earned £50 a Week. Miss Grey stated that she was being driven from Birmingham on the night of March 7 last by Mr. Kimble, who had been performing at the same theatre, when their car collided with a van belonging to Stellings.

She was in hospital for a month afterwards, and the use of the injured arm was now very much restricted. She earned £50 a week as a variety artiste.

Mr. Justice Horridge—And you cannot kiss your left hand to the audience now?—No.

Collapsed at Work
Miss Grey stated that her ability to perform had been greatly lessened. After the accident she continued her work until she collapsed at Stratford, since when she had not been on the stage.

In cross-examination by Mr. H. D. Samuel (for Messrs. Stellings), Miss Grey said that her fur coat, which was damaged in the accident, cost sixteen guineas to repair.

The Judge—How much did you pay for the coat?—I bought it as a present to myself after the Royal Command performance in 1927, and paid over £100 for it.

WAR NOVELS**"Like Dirty Work of the Enemy"****EDITOR'S OUTBURST**

A vigorous attack on modern war novels and plays was made by Mr. J. C. Carille, one of the best-known Free Churchmen and editor of "The Baptist World," at an Armistice celebration meeting at Folkestone.

"I did not think," he said, "I should ever live to read books written by my own countrymen, which are like the dirty work done by enemy propagandists. I am profoundly distressed at the popular novels and plays representing our soldiers at the front."

"I have read most of the war books, and I say deliberately that the men at the front—our young officers—were not drunk most of the time. Men like myself, who saw what went on there, know that it would not have been possible for officers; whatever their inclination, to have been drunk time after time."

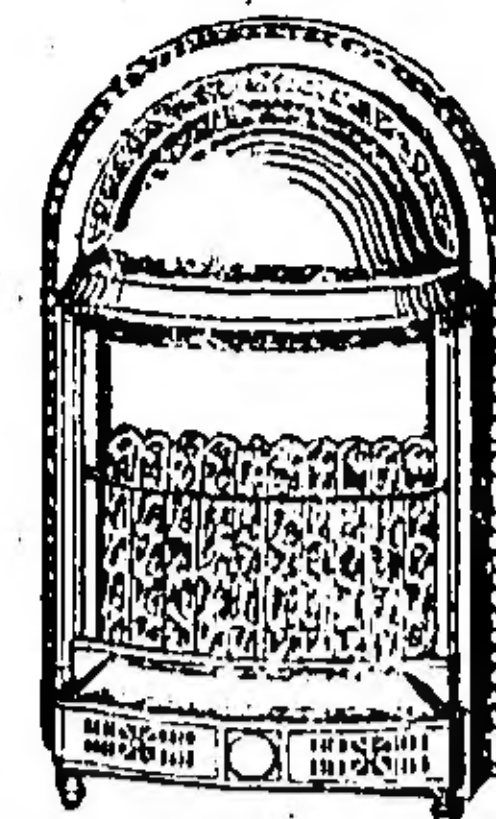
Disgusted
He said that he had read "All Quiet on the Western Front." Perhaps some of them were thrilled by it. So was he, and disgusted too. It might be a fair representation of the German soldier, but he doubted it, and it was certainly not true of his own countrymen. The British soldier needed no one to apologise for him.

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Southampton.—The pilferage of goods in transit is a vexed question as far as the shipowner and shipper are concerned, and it was therefore an appropriate topic of discussion at the luncheon meeting of the Southampton Master Mariners' Club. The speakers, without exception, gave their candid opinions as to the best methods of dealing with the problem, and it was a matter of satisfaction to hear Southampton mentioned as a port where pilferage was not too prevalent and where the Dock Police were carrying out invaluable work in endeavouring to stem it.

Captain W. V. J. Clarke, D.S.C., who opened the discussion, said that pilferage of goods in transit was a very serious consideration not only from the point of view of the ship-

Proceeding Captain Clarke said they noticed the cases of men who come before local magistrates for pilfering odds and ends in the docks, and they noted that whilst in some instances the culprits were fined, in other cases they were not. He had read of cases where men who, because they had been employed by a firm for a number of years, had been bound over by the magistrates. Length of service in a case of pilferage was, he thought, by no means an extenuation, but rather an aggravation for the reason that a man who had worked a long time for a company was trusted more than the man who had just commenced his employment.

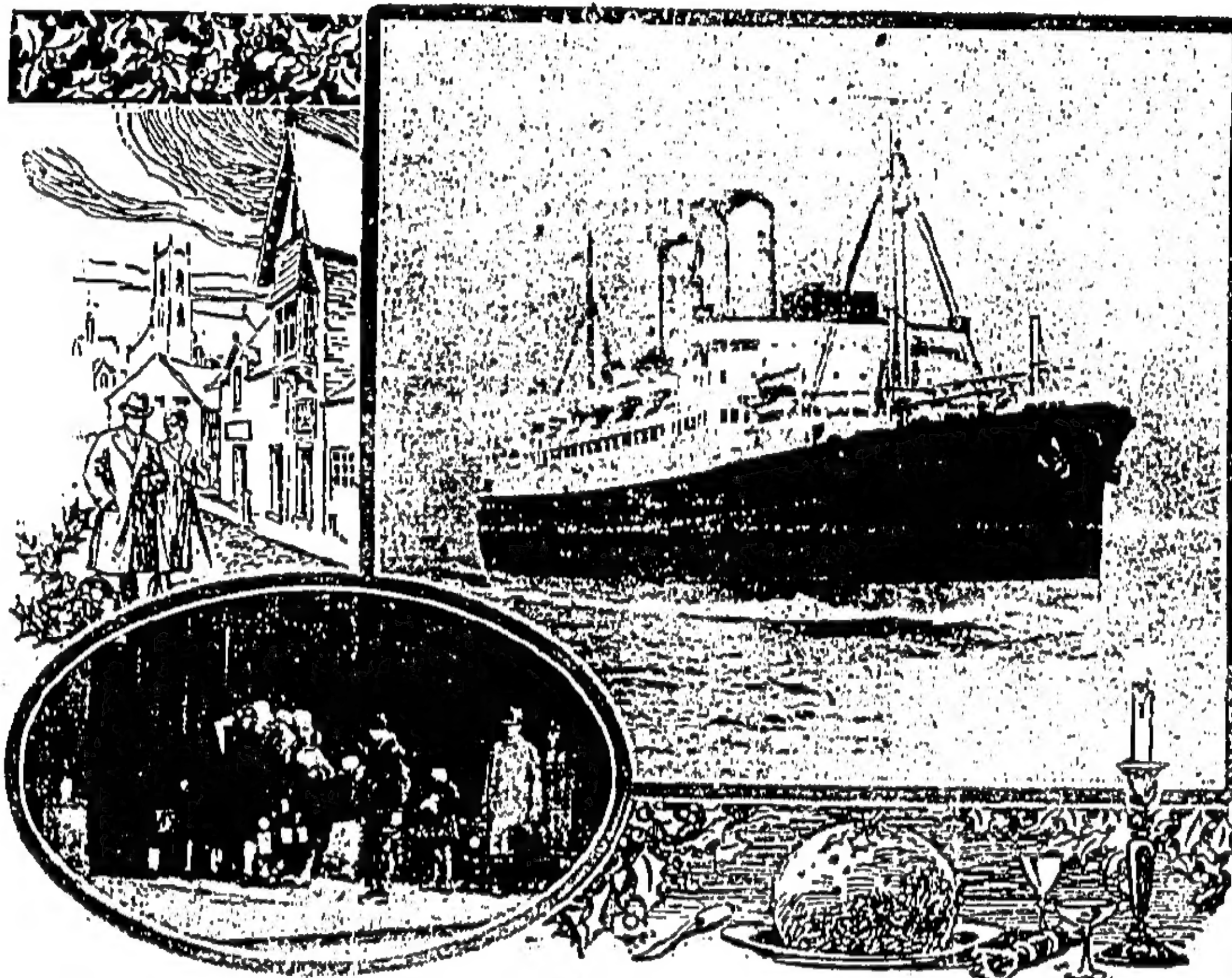
He was of opinion that if a man was greatly trusted he should receive a greater sentence than the man who had not been with his employer so long. Pilferage was responsible for the majority of industries being saddled with overhead charges on that account, for companies found it a necessity to provide detectives and other supervisors in their endeavour to defeat the results of lack of honesty.

In looking round for the reason for this pilferage, he had come to the conclusion that there was something

addition, but whenever there is an out-crop we feel that we have to return to these special expensive precautions to prevent the bad practices growing again into a habit. Another point on which we laid great stress, and which we carried into effect when acting jointly with the Chamber of Commerce, was that the claims do not arise on the ship, and if had pilferage is to be stamped out it needs the same care and precautions on the part of every concern handling the goods from the warehouse to the ship, and from the ship to the warehouse at the other end."

Captain S. N. Braithwaite, M.B.E., the "captain" of the club, brought the discussion to a close, and in so doing said the Dock Police at Southampton had a good system. Unfortunately pilferers who were caught did not usually receive the punishment which their offence deserved, for in the majority of cases it could be taken for granted that a man was rarely caught the first time, and more likely than not had done the same thing dozens of times before. The great evil about pilfering was that if ships of a certain company were losing cargo to any appreciable extent, then there was a distinct likelihood of them losing the future carriage of similar goods, which would in preference be forwarded in another bottom.

It amounted, therefore, to the statement that pilferage might quite conceivably lose them their jobs. It was essential that the command and officers of ships should endeavour to stop pilferage to the best of their ability, not merely in their employers' but also their own interests.

Home For Christmas

Mulled ai., roasted chestnuts, real English plum pudding, Tom Smith's crackers, the "waits," the piping of young carol singers, the joyous Christmas peal of the "Bells of St. Martin's," poultry shops with their rows of boned turkeys, the homey, foggy atmosphere of England on a slightly frosty Christmas morning—and the myriad other recollections of Dickens' conception of Christmas at home are the beacons that guide many

Britons homeward in late November and early December.

From prairie farmstead, British Columbia fruit farm, the peach orchards of the Niagara Peninsula, the apple districts of Northumberland and Durham, and from the lovely country of Evangeline a steady stream heads towards Saint John, N.B., whence the Christmas ships sail.

This year five Canadian Pacific ships were detailed for the Christmas movement:—"Minnedosa" November 26,

"Duchess of Athol" December 6, "Montcalm" December 12, "Duchess of Richmond" December 14, and "Duchess of York" December 18. The last four sail from Saint John, but the "Minnedosa" as usual, closes the Montreal season.

A large number of Canadians from the British Isles and European countries are planning on travelling to their former homes for Christmas, and the Canadian Pacific arranged special train services from inland points to the Christmas ships.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMER

The M.V. "Himalaya" sailed from Shanghai on December 23, and in due time on December 28. She will be despatched hence on the same day for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay & for Karachi, Suez, Port Said, Venice and Trieste.

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KHIVA	9,135	18th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
MIRZAPORE	6,716	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
JEYPORE	5,318	25th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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TALMA	10,000	20th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SHIRALA	7,241	27th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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MANTUA	10,946	3rd Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'ham.
NELLORE	6,853	7th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ham.
TALMA	10,000	7th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*KIDDERPORE	5,334	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
KARALA	9,125	17th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'ham.
SHIRALA	7,241	18th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHMIR	6,853	25th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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Captain C. Mather, of the Soochow,
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Captain J. T. J. Layton, from re-
serve, has gone master, Soochow.

Captain D. Lupton, of the Kwang-
chow, has gone master, Fatsan.

Captain C. P. Miller, of the Fatsan,
has gone master, Kwelyang.

Captain J. Pringle, of the Ichang,
has gone master, Chekiang.

Captain E. D. Penhale, of the Che-
kiang, has gone master, Ichang.

Mr. J. Whyte, chief officer, Fatsan,
has gone chief officer, Kwangtung.

Mr. E. G. Thomas, chief officer,
Kwangtung, has gone chief officer, Fat-
shan.

Mr. W. T. D. Murphy, from reserve,
has gone second officer, Chinkiang.

Mr. E. Hardman, second officer,
Chinkiang, is on reserve.

Mr. D. E. Brown, chief officer, Wan-
tung, has gone chief officer, Luchow.

Mr. W. P. Bruce, chief officer, Lu-
chow, has gone chief officer, Wantung.

Mr. E. L. Hurley, chief officer, New-
chwang, has gone chief officer, Linan.

Mr. J. Robinson, from reserve, has
gone chief officer, Newchwang.

Captain F. L. le Boullier, from
Home leave, has gone master, Hai-
kwang.

Captain J. C. Daily, of the Fuku-
wang, is on reserve.

Captain A. V. Harcourt, from re-
serve, has gone master, Fukwang.

Mr. J. D. Craig, from reserve, has
gone second engineer officer, Woosung.

Mr. C. Gray, chief engineer officer,
Newchwang, has gone chief engineer
officer, Hupoh.

Mr. D. McCormack, chief engineer
officer, Chinkiang, has gone chief en-
gineer officer, Newchwang.

Mr. A. N. Winston, second engineer
officer, C. N. Co., has been invalided.

Mr. E. Wallace, third engineer
officer, Poyang, is on reserve.

Mr. J. Roberts, chief engineer offi-
cer, Shantung, has gone chief engineer
officer, Chinkiang.

Mr. P. A. Maitland, from reserve,
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T'au via S'ow & S'hai	YATSHING	Wed., 1st Jan. at 7 a.m.
T'au via S'ow & S'hai	KWONGSANG	Sun., 5th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUMSANG	Wed., 1st Jan. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai & Kobe	HOSANG	Sun., 19th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai & Kobe	NAMSANG	Fri., 31st Jan. at 7 a.m.
Spore, Penang & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Mon., 30th Dec. at 3 p.m.
Spore, Penang & Calcutta	YUENSANG	Mon., 30th Dec. at 3 p.m.
Spore, Penang & Calcutta	SUISANG	Fri., 17th Jan. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Sat., 28th Dec. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Mon., 6th Jan. at Noon
Tientsin via Foochow and Cheongshing	CHIENGSHING	Wed., 25th Dec. at 7 a.m.
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MANILA MARU	Tuesday, 24th December.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
MEIGEN MARU	Friday, 3rd January.
(Calls at Penang & Karachi).	
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZI- BAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
MEXICO MARU	Thursday, 2nd January.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
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VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from Shanghai.	
ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai) Friday, 27th December.	
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	
BURMA MARU	Saturday, 4th January.
HAIPHONG—Via Hoihow & Pakhoi.	
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 26th Dec., 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
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JAPAN PORTS	
SEATTLE MARU	Tuesday, 24th December.
HONOLULU MARU	Sunday, 29th December.
KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.	
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 29th Dec., Noon.
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analysis of the tidal observations,
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vatory under the direction of Dr.
Debes during the years 1887, 1888
and 1889.

The times and heights are given
for Kowloon; but they may be used
for the Victoria Naval Yard and
Aberdeen, the differences being very
small.

The times of high and low-water
must not be considered to coincide
with the times of slack-water, and
change of current, the two phenomena
being quite distinct.

December 24 to 30, 1929.

DATE	Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.
Tues. 24	m 4 1	8.8	m 10 24	8.8
Wed. 25	m 5 13	8.4	m 11 21	8.8
Thurs. 26	m 6 23	8.0	m 12 21	8.7
Fri. 27	m 7 34	7.6	m 1 24	8.1
Sat. 28	m 8 45	7.2	m 2 29	7.9
Sun. 29	m 9 56	6.8	m 3 30	7.5
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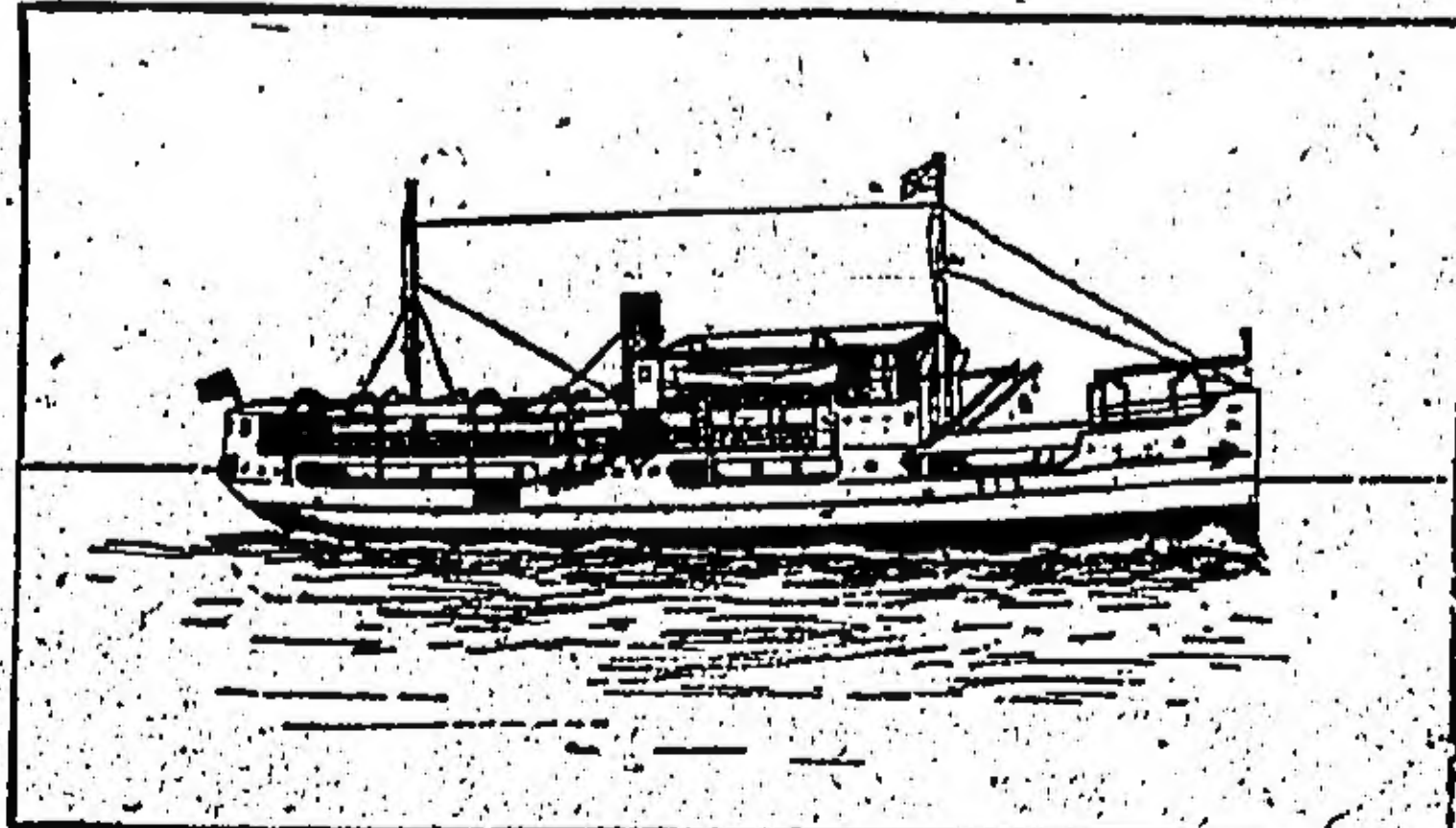
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

A Merry Christmas! Once again the age-long wish will be re-echoed in every home from every heart in Hong Kong at midnight. We have no "white" Christmas so far as snow and frost are concerned. But in the purity of our thoughts and the sincerity of our wish we can make it a truly "white" Christmas for ourselves and all around us.

Although the Christmas season has been denuded of much that was in time past considered obligatory to a proper observance of the feast, the gift of the spirit still remains with us; and, after all, that is the essential principle. If by some evil chance the fundamental religious significance were to be entirely eliminated from the festival, the fact that here is a breathing-space, or short interlude, in the common round of "getting and spending," of laying "waste our powers," inclining us rather to a consideration of the claims of others, than a too complete concentration on our own personal affairs, would alone make the great feast one of ethical importance in the fleeting years that constitute the brief span which is our life here below. And it is above all, the children's festival. A Christmas without children would be as dismal a failure as a plum pudding without the plums, or if this simile be considered too material, Miss Hamlet without "the philosophic dance."

This Macabre reference naturally recalls the memory of Charles Dickens, than whom no man ever did more to emphasize

"the deep spiritual significance of the Christmas goose," as the late Locker-Lampson pleasantly put it. One might almost say that with the death of Dickens, Christmas, as a domestic institution, or saturnalia "en famille," fell into a sort of slow decline. Assuredly there are no such heroic repasts, such ultra-convivial gatherings, in these degenerate days of gastronomic moderation, as those recorded by "Boz" when his exuberant altruism, vented itself in the pages of his "Christmas Books," and other notable volumes. With the elder among us, Christmas is rather a season of self-communing and remembrance. There are flowers that yield a sweeter fragrance as the day declines and the shadows lengthen on the everlasting hills; and with the coming of the night are the immutable stars, and one, the brightest of them all, that burns eternal in the East, whence Hope came into the world.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lieut. F. M. Buther, Royal Scots, is being posted to the 2nd Battalion at Tientsin, from the 1st Battalion now at Aldershot.

Captain W. H. Williams, M.C., R.A.S.C., who recently left Hong Kong for the United Kingdom, is retiring at an early date.

Captain F. C. Marriott, Royal Artillery, who is at present serving in Singapore, will be posted to Hong Kong early in February.

A fine of \$15 was yesterday imposed by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith on a lorry driver, for cutting in front of two other vehicles when driving out of Gascoigne Road into Nathan Road.

A lorry driver yesterday pleaded "guilty" before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, to a charge of failing to report an accident after colliding with a bus in Waterloo Road. He was fined \$10.

A splendid display of Christmas delicacies and Christmas fare is to be seen in the window of the Kowloon branch of the Dairy Farm. The display has attracted great attention from shoppers and ordinary passers-by. It includes sucking pigs, roast beef, legs of mutton, and even the ordinary sausage made to look far from ordinary. Memories of the home shops at Christmas are revived, thanks to the artistic taste of Mr. J. W. Bakley, the branch manager.

The Committee of the Benevolent Society announced that the "Bible factory" sum of \$423 was the result of the Bridge and Mah Jong Drive held on December 19. Thanks are extended to Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co., Kowloon & Co., A. S. Watson & Co., Kowloon & Co., The Pharmacy, Messrs. Sarsfield, Yee Shing, and the Hotel May Institute, also to Mrs. A. H. Brown, Mrs. McKiehan, Mrs. R. D. Tracy, Mr. B. Sturges, and all others who assisted in the drive.

From the Java-China-Japan Line N.V., the "China Mail" has received a useful office calendar for 1930.

The "China Mail" has received Christmas greetings from the Far East Aviation Company and the Club Lusitano.

The Dollar Steam Ship and the American Mail Lines send the "China Mail" a beautiful painting of "The Gipsy Dance."

The first meeting of the newly constituted Harbour Board was held in the Board Room of the Harbour Office yesterday afternoon. Pressmen were not admitted.

On enquiry yesterday, we learn that Mr. R. H. Charles, who had a bad spill at the Kwantai course on Sunday, is making good progress, although confined for the present to his bed.

For failing to provide his vehicle with two independent and efficient brakes, the Chinese driver of a motor lorry was yesterday fined \$30 by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy. Another lorry driver who had one inefficient brake was fined \$20.

Captain J. A. Agnew Wallace has been appointed Adjutant to the 2nd Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, now stationed at Tientsin. His recent appointment, notified a short time ago, as Adjutant of the 88th Battalion of the same regiment, has now been cancelled.

A Christmas treat to the poor, under the care of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, was held yesterday at the C.Y.M.S. Club, at which His Lordship, Bishop H. Valtorta presided. After tea, money, blankets, and toys were distributed to more than 200 dependants of the Society.

Early yesterday morning, three men, armed with revolvers and daggers, raided the top floor of 55, Bonham Strand West. The only inmates were two young Chinese women who were overpowered without difficulty. The raiders, who got in through the roof, made a haul of jewellery worth \$381, and quietly departed.

On the application of Mr. D. H. Blake, for the prosecution, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith yesterday registered convictions, without penalty, in cases in which the Nam King Manufacturing Co., and the Hui Chuen Printing Shop were charged in respect of possession of labels which were colourable imitations of the "Eveready" Trade Mark.

NEWSBOY GUESTS

Senator Invites Them To New Year Dinner

Atlantic City, Yesterday.
Senator Edge, an American Ambassador to Paris, an ex-newsboy, has invited the boys of Atlantic City to be the guests of his annual New Year's dinner to his former colleagues. Reuter's American Service.

THE "SLANGUAGE" OF SLANG

THE SECRET JARGON OF CRIME

SLANG has penetrated to all classes of society, and nowadays, of course, to both sexes. But there is a subtler and more intimate "slanguage" current among criminals and the outcasts of society. It is used all over the world among those who wish to keep their conversation secret from the police and the law-abiding community. Here is a small lexicon of slanguage used by English and American criminals, mock auctioneers, and tramps:

A Banana.—Doubtful gentleman friend.
Bewa.—Woman.
To Blow Your Top.—To become hysterical or temporarily insane.
A Boss.—A Farmer.
Boes Crib.—Farm house.
A Break.—A square deal.
Bright Lights.—Diamond necklace.
Bumped Off.—Shot or killed.
Bunce.—Profits.
Dence Funt.—£2.
A Dick or a Bull.—Detective.
Dishing a Dod.—Getting rid of a revolver.
Dumbell.—A fool.
To Fan.—To pat a man's pocket for a gun.
Fingers.—Men.
Freezing Up to Wet.—Getting together for a drink.
Gas Wagon.—Motor car.
Gazoomphing the Sarker.—Parting a fool from his money.
Glock.—A man.
Grassing.—Giving information.
Harnessed Bull.—Policeman in uniform.
A Harness Bull.—A uniformed policeman.
Hoofers.—Cabaret dancer.
A Jolt.—A sentence.
To Lam.—To run.
Lamp Post.—Any place of expensive jewellery.
Middle.—Shilling.
Miltog.—Shirt.
A Mouthpiece.—A lawyer.
To be Mugged.—To be photographed.
Mungeary.—Food.
To Muscle In.—To poach on a rival's preserves.
A Phony.—A fake.
Fineapple.—Small bomb.
To Pitch the Fork (or to Sling the Hatchet).—To get more for your money.
A Racket.—A dubious way of making a living.
A Rap.—A charge and the count.
Ricks or Gees.—People who mingle with crowds to arouse enthusiasm during mock auctions.
Rod (or Gat, Heater or Smoke Iron).—Revolver.
Rustle Me.—Get me.
Screwing.—Burgling.

To Sling a Gee.—To take part in a swindle.
A Slug.—Bullet.
Smilzing the Boney.—To remove an awkward questioner from a mock auction.
To Snook.—To shoot.
Snowbird or Hophead.—A drug addict.
To Stash.—To hide.
To Stretch.—To be handed.
To Sunny or Vardeg.—To look at.
To Tail.—To track the police.
Take the Ozone.—Clear out.
Uncle Ben.—£10.
Whittler or Clown.—Country policeman.
Yegg.—Safe-blower.
The Flapper Dictionary
Dimbox.—a taxicab.
Flatwheeler.—young man who takes a girl to an egg harbour.
Egg Harbour.—a free dance.
Clothesline.—one who tells neighbourhood secrets.
"Let's blouse"—let's go.
Crapehanger.—reformer.
Snugglepup.—young man who frequents petting parties.
Petting party.—social event devoted to hugging.
Finale-hopper.—young man who arrives after all bills are paid.
Hipbound.—one who drinks hooch.
Apple-sauce.—fattery or bunk.
Weeping willow.—same as crapehanger.
Alarm clock.—a chaperon.
Falter Time.—any man over thirty years of age.
Dingledangler.—one who persists in telephoning.
Cake basket.—a limousine.
Stilt.—conversation that means nothing.
Ollcan.—an impostor.
Fire alarm.—a divorced woman.
Cuddle-cuddle.—young man who takes a girl for a ride on a bus.
Forty-niner.—man who is prospecting for a rich wife.
Tomato.—good-looking girl with no brains.
Slat.—young man.
Strike breaker.—young woman who goes about with her friend's young man while there is a coolness.
Cake-eater.—harmless lounge lizard.

TEN YEARS AGO

[From the "China Mail,"
December 24, 1919.]

To-day's dollar is worth 4/- 11½d.
Be Happy.—Christmas is a season for indoor huddling and cuddling, love and laughter, forgetfulness of troubles, and the unbuttoning of all our kindest human impulses. It might well be called Dickens Day. May your fun and jollity be as hearty as it must have been at the time of adding, and withal as innocent. God bless you all. May no killjoys you dismay. Be happy.

MEN, WOMEN, AND AFFAIRS

An Unfortunate Cook: Effects Of The China War: Royal Bird Fancier: Some Service Clubs: A Queen's Hall Conductor

A Tientsin Incident
RATHER a curious incident is reported in Tientsin. On November 24, the cook of a resident of the Italian Concession was arrested in the 3rd Special Area. The cook had alighted from the tram coming from the French Concession, and intended to board another tram going to the Italian Concession. He was carrying the meat he had bought in the French Concession. The reason given for this arrest was that the cook had bought meat in the French Concession. He was gaoled in the City, and condemned to pay a fine of \$5. At night the fine was reduced to \$2, and after payment the cook was set free and given a receipt. Inasmuch as the sale of meat in the French Concession is under much more efficient supervision than the Chinese territory, it seems outrageous that residents in the Italian Concession are prohibited from making use of the French Market.

Results of China War
ONE of the results of the Sino-Russian crisis has been the closing down, temporarily, of the offices of the Mongolian Central Co-operative in Doo Dilloo, French Concession. This is a firm of strong financial standing with branch offices at Kalgan, Harbin, Hailar, and other towns in Mongolia, and North Manchuria, and conducted a lucrative business in exporting from Mongolia such as wool, furs, hides, tacks, etc. Besides forwarding large quantities of foodstuffs and manufactured articles to Mongolia as well as motor cars and motor bikes, the firm had a bank. Owing to international trade restrictions and the present stagnation

tion of trade in North Manchuria and Mongolia the firm have decided to close their local office until the political outlook becomes brighter and there is a prospect of resumption of trade.

A Rift in Clubland
THE membership of the Junior United Service Club, which despite its prefix, is one of the oldest of the Service clubs, is at the moment divided. It is not, by a far, reaching proposal. With it, no less than the admission of Territorial and R.N.V.R. officers as members. Although the odds seem to be slightly in favour of the proposal being carried at the next general meeting, there is a strong body of opposition among the club members. For the Junior, as it is always known, is one of the "big four" among the Service clubs, the others being the United Service (the Senior), the Army and Navy (the Staff), and the New Zealand Military Club in the City.

Membership of these is practically restricted to those who hold Regular commissions, although the "Senior" makes an exception in favour of field commissions in the Territorial Army.

The Terriers
The Sponsors of the new proposal have, however, two strong arguments. The first is that "the Junior" is not a "club" of the Militia, and that as the Territorial Army now fills the place of the Militia as the second line its officers should logically be admitted.
The second argument is the practical one of a shrinkage of membership—many have gone to the Rag since the latter extended its premises and lowered its entrance fee. At present it is as easy to get a table at lunch-time in the Junior as it is hard to find one at the Rag or the Senior.
If the proposal is carried the Junior should soon fill up, for its building in Charles Street, off the Haymarket, is in many ways the finest of all.

The Halle Conductor
SIR Hamilton Harty, who conducts the "Halle" Orchestra at the Queen's Hall, is a quiet, reserved, unassuming man with an Irish accent and a tremendous reserve of enthusiasm for the poetic side of nature and the works of Hector Berlioz—not a frequent combination.
He has won fame as a conductor, and has been one of the world's, a Tone Poet. With the Wild Geese, it is to be performed at the next concert of this series.
But it is as a conductor that he is best known. The Halle Orchestra, which has been the source of many of his triumphs, was founded over seventy years ago by Sir Charles Hallé, and during its long existence it has had, in addition to its founder and Sir Hamilton only two people named Harty. These were Sir John Harty, Michael Harty, and Sir Thomas Harty.

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Dissatisfaction Of Left Wing Socialists

HIGH DEMANDS

The Government's proposals with regard to unemployment insurance—disclosed by the issue of the text of the bill, with accompanying memoranda—will involve the State in the expenditure, next year, of a further £12,000,000.

Despite the concessions involving this heavy addition to the taxpayers' burdens, the Left wing members of the Socialist party are dissatisfied with the bill. They are likely to denounce the measure in Parliament, although it is considered improbable that they will carry their opposition into the division lobby.

One objection raised is that the demand for an allowance of 20s. a week for every unemployed man, 10s. for a wife, and 5s. for each child is not conceded.

Most of the money now to be provided will be expended not on raising the rates of benefit, but on the extension of the transitional period.

Briefly stated, the main provisions of the bill and the cost to the Exchequer are:—

REVISION OF BENEFITS

	£ per ann.
Lowering of the age for the commencement of insurance from 16 to 15, to cost (with administration)	100,000
Increased benefits for young persons	370,000
Higher allowances for adult dependants	1,750,000
The "transitional period" for payment of benefit to persons not possessing the 30 contributions qualification is to be extended by a further year.	
The cost of this extension, and also the cost of the similar extension of the transitional period under the Act of 1927, will be borne by the Exchequer, and not by the Unemployment Fund	8,500,000

Seeking Work

The present statutory condition that claimants for benefit must prove that they are genuinely seeking work and unable to obtain suitable employment is repealed.

Before a claimant can be disqualified for failing to take steps to obtain employment, the onus is placed upon the administrative authorities of proving that employment suitable for him was available.

When the provisions of the bill are fully in operation they will involve, on the basis of the present level of unemployment, additional benefit at the rate of £12,000,000 per annum—a total of £24,500,000, compared with £12,000,000 provided in the Estimates for 1929-30.

In view of the magnitude of the new financial commitments into which the Government have entered, or are proposing to undertake in the near future, M.P.s were asking "Where is all the money to come from?" It was a severe shock to many members to discover that the Exchequer will have to find £12,500,000 more for unemployment insurance next year.

While Mr. Snowden will be criticised in various quarters of the House for having agreed to this vast additional charge on the taxpayers, there is evidence that the Government will have to face an expression of bitter discontent on the part of a section of Socialists who have been pressing for an all-round increase in the rates of benefit. It is stated that had demands of the Socialist Left Wing been conceded a further expenditure of £11,500,000 would have been entailed, and the charge on the Exchequer for unemployment insurance in the coming year would have risen to the gigantic sum of £36,000,000. The Left Wing demand has been for the following amended benefits:

- 21 instead of 17s for a man over 21 years of age.
- 10s instead of 7s for a wife or other adult dependant.
- 5s instead of 2s for each child.

Left Wing Revolt

The Socialists of the Left Wing will insist on their demand when the bill comes before the House for the second reading. No decision has yet been arrived at to put down a hostile amendment.

The whole question of the action to be taken on the bill will be considered. The probability is that the section of members concerned will content themselves with denouncing the Government's proposals as quite satisfactory, and will not carry their opposition into the division lobby.

visions brought forward by Miss Bondfield said that the Government had committed a great error in failing to reduce the waiting period for benefit. The benefits, he complained, are wholly inadequate to meet the needs of those who are feeling most cruelly the pinch of unemployment and fall far short of what people who supported Socialist candidates at the General Election were led to expect.

It is stated in Ministerial circles that if the transitional period were not extended the position would be that by April, 1931, about 120,000 persons, who would otherwise be drawing benefit, would be deprived of it, and many of them would be driven to seek assistance from the Poor Law.

The Unemployment Fund, which is already in debt to the extent of £36,000,000, could not possibly, it is said, continue to pay for another twelve months from next April benefit to persons not possessing the thirty contributions qualification. Therefore, the Treasury has to find the money, as enacted in the Bill.

The age of entry into insurance will not be lowered until the school-leaving age has been raised. The clause dealing with this question has been drafted with great care to ensure that the age of entry into insurance shall rise automatically with the school-leaving age.

Disillusioned Socialists. There is a section of the Socialist party—both on the political and industrial sides—which was expressing great disappointment at the provisions of the new Unemployment Insurance Bill.

The party promised in its election address "to afford more generous maintenance for the unemployed." Long before that, the political and industrial sides of the movement had combined to submit a memorandum of their avowed policy to Lord Blanesburgh's Committee. This claimed that maintenance of the unemployed should be a national responsibility, and that accordingly, there should be a reduction of contributions by both employer and employee, and an increase in the proportion of cost borne by the State.

In view of the disparity between pledges and performance, it is not surprising that the whole Left Wing section is in revolt. "This is profoundly disappointing," is the view of the I.L.P. On the industrial side ardent protagonists of "work maintenance" are equally disgruntled and disillusioned. An amendment may be moved by Mr. Maxton with the object of expressing protest even though the hostility is not pressed as far as the division lobby.

Comparison With 1921. An interesting commentary on the growth of expenditure on Unemployment Insurance is afforded by figures in the annual return, regarding public social expenditure. This shows that in England and Wales:

In 1921, a sum of £9,701,027 was expended on Unemployment Insurance.

Last year the total had risen to £28,258,114, and

For 1928 the estimated expenditure was £47,656,565.

The total number of persons benefiting in 1928 was 10,444,000. Of the £28,258,114 a sum of £1,210,240 was devoted to interest on loans and provision for repayment of loans. Administrative expenses were £4,289,465.

In England and Wales expenditure on all social services increased from £27,122,167 for 1921 to £122,850,000 in 1928. In 1921 the expenditure was £20,128,831 and in 1928 it was £122,850,000.

FATHER CHRISTMAS IN KOWLOON

TREAT FOR THE BAIKINS AT THE DOCK

A FINE ENTERTAINMENT

Nearly a hundred children of all ages assembled in the reading room of the Kowloon Dock yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, to welcome Father Christmas. The utmost merriment prevailed and the kiddies enjoyed themselves as only kiddies can.

The early part of the afternoon was devoted to games with an interval for tea in the carpenter's loft. And a hearty and noisy tea it was.

There next followed a first-rate concert given by the children themselves under the direction of Mrs. Mackie. The large number of adults present, including Mr. R. M. Dyer, Chief Manager of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Company, thoroughly enjoyed this entertainment. A feature was the eightsome reel and sword dance by Mr. Mackie's Reel Class to the accompaniment of the bagpipes.

The following was the programme: Opening Item: "Christmas Carol," "The Party," Recitation: "The Pedlar's Caravan," Joyce Bruin. Duet: "My pretty maid," Misses Goodman & Mackie. Piano Solo: "The skipping rope," Mack Brown.

Miss Gow & Kempton. Recitation: "I have a little dolly," "A tiny tota."

Violin Solo: "Serenade," Robert Proven. Eightsome Reel: Mr. Mackie's Reel Class.

Concerted Item: "The Burlesque Band," Reel Team.

Sketch: "The Punishment," Party of 7.

Recitation: "The plum pudding," Ada Bruin.

Humorous Duet: "From beautiful Venice," Masters Calman and Mackie. Recitation: "The Daffodil," Margaret Mackie.

Sword dance: Mr. Mackie's Reel Class. Sketch: "A Christmas Dream," Party of 12.

Finale: "Good Night Song," 8 little chorists.

After the concert the curtain went up to bring to view a masquerade Christmas Tree, well laden with toys of every kind to delight the kiddies. And great was the excitement when Father Christmas came down the chimney—after sending down a long rod to make sure there was not a blazing fire—and distributed the prizes from the Tree. It was a perfect climax to a perfect afternoon's gaiety, and the thanks of the kiddies are due to all who assisted in the work of organising a function that is growing in importance year by year.

VILMA BANKY

Becomes An Immigrant Again

Vilma Banky has become an immigrant again—only long enough to take a moving picture. It is true, but nevertheless she went to Ellis Island and revived the old memories of her entrance into America five years ago, as unknown picture actress trying her luck. The reason is that "This Is Heaven," her newest starring picture for Samuel Goldwyn, which comes to the Queen's Theatre to-morrow, gives her the role of an Hungarian immigrant girl finding her way about in New York.

EXTRALITY GOES — ?

Henderson Declines To Answer Question

London, Yesterday. Mr. Henderson said in Parliament to-day that he had received no intimation that the Chinese Government intended to abolish extra-territoriality on January 1, but the Chinese Foreign Minister referred to it as a possibility in conversing with the representative in Nanking of His Majesty's Minister to Peking. Mr. Henderson declined to answer a question as to what steps he would take, if the Chinese Government abolished extraterritoriality. — Reuter.

Foreign Troops

Nanking, Yesterday. Dr. C. T. Wang, outlining the foreign policy of the Nationalist Government for 1930, this morning declared that in the coming year the work of his Ministry would be devoted to the abolition of foreign inland and coastal navigation rights; the withdrawal of foreign troops; and the retrocession to China of foreign concessions and settlements.

He added that upon British's initiative preparations were being made for revision of the Sino-British Treaty, and a draft of the changes had already been forwarded to the British Government for consideration.

"Adequate measures will be taken at the end of this year as to the extraterritorial issue," he added. "The effort made in this connection during the current year has therefore not been in vain."

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"

Social Functions

To-day — Chief and Petty Officers' Recreation Room, H.M. Dockyard, Dance, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.

To-day — Repulse Bay Hotel Christmas Eve Carnival, 8.30 p.m. Dec. 26 — Boxing Day Carnival at Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

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Jan. 6 — St. George's Ball. Jan. 10 — Second annual dance of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club, at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

Entertainments. To-day — Queen's Theatre, "Broadway Melody."

To-day — Star Theatre, "Spite Marriage."

To-day — World Theatre, "Harold Lloyd Comedies."

To-day — Majestic Theatre, "Speedy."

To-morrow — Queen's Theatre, "This is Heaven."

To-morrow — Star Theatre, "The Kid," and "A Sailor Made Man," (special Matinee), at 2.30 p.m.

To-morrow — World Theatre, "Nervous Wreck."

To-morrow — Majestic Theatre, "Speedy."

Lammerts' Auction. Dec. 30 — At 268, The Peak (5, Stewart Terrace) household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous. Jan. 4-5 — New Territories Agricultural Show, at Shek Wu Hui (near Sheung Shui Railway Station).

VICTORY FOR THE NATIONALISTS

THE OCCUPATION OF CHENGCHOW

SIGNIFICANT REPORT

Shanghai, Yesterday. It is reported in the Chinese Press here that General Han Fu-chi is in occupation of Chengchow.

The situation in Shanghai is quiet—British Naval Wireless. Han Fu-chi was "until May a subordinate of the 'rebel' Feng Yu-hsiang (otherwise the 'Christian General')." The National Government's silver bullets induced him to desert his master.

In the recent trouble, in which Tang Seng-chi has joined the cause with the "Christian General" and other opponents of the National Government, Han Fu-chi has blossomed forth as a new champion of national authority. The insurrection in the Press reports quoted in the wireless message is that Han Fu-chi has won a victory for the National Government. Chengchow is in the north of Honan province, at the junction of the Peking-Hankow and Lung-Hai Railways.

Councillor E. S. Chatfield, who, as chairman of the Eastbourne Electricity Committee, has led the opposition to the Central Electricity Board's scheme for Sussex, was elected an Alderman at Eastbourne.

He was Labour candidate for Eastbourne at the General Election.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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The Steamship, "URRINO" having arrived. Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LIMITED, Agents.

Hong Kong, 24th December, 1929.

WOMAN'S DEATH

Shantung Police Sergt. Charged

Yesterday afternoon Mr. E. W. Hamilton took evidence in the case in which Shantung Police Sergeant Pi Shih-hsu is charged with causing grievous bodily harm to a married woman named Lo Chak, who had died since the alleged assault.

The Sergeant had been charged with manslaughter but it was withdrawn in view of medical evidence that death was due to pneumonia and not the effects of injury, if any.

The facts of the case, as already published, were recounted by Mr. L. R. Andrewes after which the woman's husband and son gave corroborative evidence. Then the case was adjourned.

REFORMED CHICAGO

Only 94 Unsolved Murder In 1929

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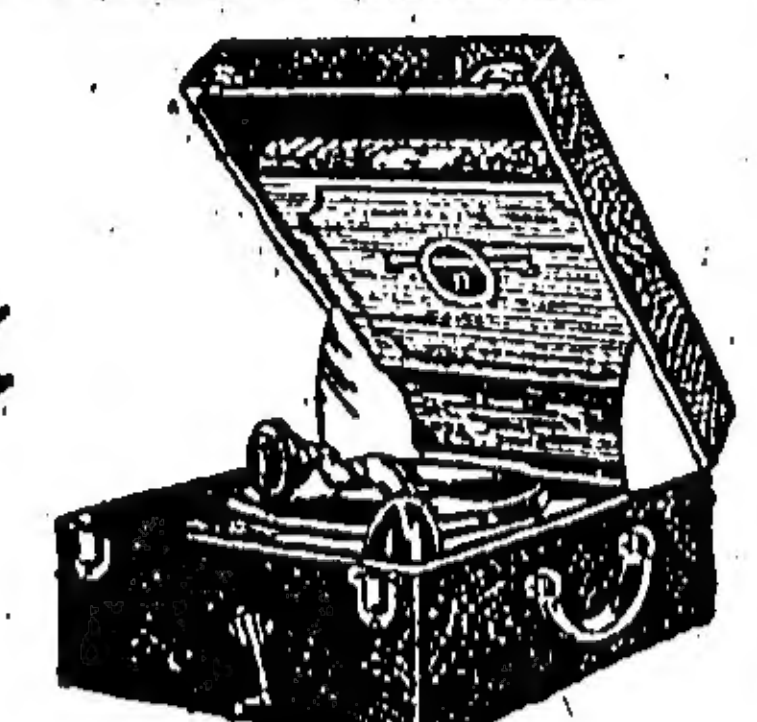
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Sport Columns

TENNIS "STAR" WEDS

Miss Helen Wills Does Not Say "Obey"

Berkeley, U.S., Yesterday. Helen Wills and Fred Moody were married at the picturesque little chapel of St. Clement, at the foot of the Berkeley Hills. The ceremony was of the simplest, only the bride's and bridegroom's parents and the bridegroom's brother and sister-in-law being present. The honeymoon is secret, but it is believed it will be spent on a private yacht. Miss Wills was very composed. The service did not contain the word "obey". The bride received hundreds of telegrams of congratulation from all over the world and masses of beautiful flowers from friends and well-wishers.—Reuter's American Service.

FOOTBALL

International Match On Christmas Day

The following will represent Portugal v. China in an international match on Christmas day: N. Beltrao; R. Silva-Netto, S. Sousa; C. Rozo; Pereira, A. A. Remedios, P. M. Xavier; H. Gosano, A. Ward, A. V. Gosano; L. da Rocha and J. Goncalves. Reserves, G. Figueiredo and J. Santos.

League Matches To-day
Hong Kong League, Division II.
Kick-off 2.30 p.m.
K.O.S.B. Reserves v. R.A. Reserves, Sookunpoo ground. Referee, P. O. Mellow.

CRICKET

Club, Army And Navy

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club against the Army on December 26 and against the Navy on January 1 and 2, to play to commence at 10.30 a.m.: T. E. Pearce (Captain), H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, G. E. R. Divett, O. Moor, H. J. Armstrong, H. V. Parker, A. Reid, A. C. Beck, E. J. R. Mitchell and J. R. Hinton.

LAWN TENNIS

Bowling Green v. Football Club Teams

Teams from the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Kowloon Football Club played an interesting mixed doubles match on the former's courts on Sunday. The result was a draw, 72 games all.

PRACTICAL GOLF

The Back Spin With The Mashie

During dry weather it is always difficult to put sufficient "stop" on the ball in the approach shot with a mashie. This is the experience of even the most exact stroke players. To get the full result the turf must be soft enough for the ball to bite into it. But one must make the attempt.

There is always a little underspin imparted to the ball when played with the mashie but the amount is not enough for even ordinary purposes and though the stroke which I propose to explain is difficult it ought to be mastered. Correctly played it gives considerable personal satisfaction and it is most effective.

I hope all golfers realise that they must play through the ball with most clubs but in seeking to impart stop with the mashie it must be struck nearer to the centre than I imagine is appreciated.

The fault of most players is that they do not strike the ball near enough to the centre. They are apparently afraid of driving it into the ground, of something it, but the direction the club takes will prevent this.

The club should be taken slowly back with the left hand—pushed back—and on arriving at the top it should be pulled down with the right hand merely helps to guide the club but when it meets the ball it comes into the stroke. This action of the right hand is necessary otherwise instead of straightening out the club would be carried down into the ground.—"Ceylon Observer."

SANITARY BOARD'S PROTEST

GOVERNMENT'S BAN ON POSTERS

UNOFFICIALS OFFENDED

The fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday, and an interesting question was raised as to the powers and status of the Board. The question arose out of the Government putting a ban on two health posters, which the members of the Board had designed after much consideration.

Addressing the meeting on this subject, Mr. W. J. Carrie, President of the Board, said that in September last the Board had considered certain coloured posters which they had thought it advisable to post in public places. The matter had been then referred to the Government. The Government had now intimated that they did not consider the publication of these posters desirable, and that the education officers did not approve of their use in schools as their meaning was not plain without a good deal of verbal explanation. Therefore, at present, it was not proposed to publish the posters in question, but to leave the matter in abeyance for the time being and reconsider it later by a committee to be appointed by the Board.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga said he would like to ask to what extent the recommendations of the Sanitary Board were going to be checked and vetoed by the Government and time wasted in this fashion. A matter was proposed, after careful consideration by the medical representative of the Board, and approved after full discussion by the Board as a whole. It was then sent to a Government Department where the whole scheme was vetoed. Such a proceeding reduced the proceedings of the Board to a farce, and its recommendations to the level of the findings of a debating society.

The member of the Sanitary Board were busy men. They took their duties and responsibilities as members of the Board, very seriously, they did not regard them as merely perfunctory. But if the recommendations of the Board were to be turned down on every question of importance the members would realise that the Board was not wanted. He wished to make this protest as a matter of principle.

Mr. M. K. Lo said that what Mr. Braga had expressed had passed through his own mind when he read the minutes of the proposal in question. He wanted to ask if it was any use for the Board, or a sub-committee such as Mr. Carrie had suggested, re-considering the question at all. He remembered that the original discussion on the matter had been adjourned more than once. The posters were passed by the then M.O.H. (Dr. Fawcett) who was very keen on their adoption, and approved by the whole Board. There had been no hint at that time that the findings of the Board on this subject were to be submitted to a higher veto. All that the Board received was an intimation that the proposal had not been sanctioned. If they re-considered the proposal and made alterations, the same thing might happen again. He, for one, was not prepared to give time to re-considering the matter as he felt that under the present conditions it would be waste of time. The history of this affair had done no good to the authority and prestige of the Board. He felt that a full statement with regard to the action of the Government in this matter would be desirable.

Mr. Carrie replied that he thought both Mr. Braga and Mr. Lo were stressing the matter unnecessarily. Obviously the Government must have the final say in what it was proposed to post on Government property. He did not think that there was any slur on the decisions of the Board conveyed in the Government veto. He felt sure that if the sub-

mittee brought out any well worked up scheme of health propaganda, of which the Board as a whole approved, it would receive sympathetic consideration from the Government.

Other Business
The Board then dealt with other business on the agenda. With reference to the Shek Tong Taul market stalls, Mr. Carrie said that the matter had arisen through two anonymous letters, one of which he received himself, and the other was addressed to the H. E. the Governor. Both letters complained of the way the market was run.

He had drawn up a memorandum which included a rearrangement of the stalls and the doing away with two of them. He proposed that his recommendations should come into force in three months time after due notice had been given to the stall holders, to give them opportunity of lodging a protest.

The President's memorandum was adopted.

CAMERA ARTISTS

Exhibition By Amateur Photographic Club

Mrs. M. B. Osman, wife of Dr. Osman, President of the Hong Kong University Amateur Photographic Club, distributed the prizes won by exhibitors in the second annual exhibition.

Harmless Simpleton
Mr. K. W. Khoo, secretary, delivered a short speech in which he said that an amateur photographer has always been regarded by the man in the street as a harmless simpleton and at worst a lunatic. But in reality an amateur photographer was a person who always came into close contact with the beautiful things of Nature, and was a friend of the simple villagers around the Colony.

The Prize Winners
Prizes were won by the following:

Advanced competition, (Open):
—Best Picture: "Autumnal Ray," Mr. Midori Hirakawa, Award: "Three Castles" Cup (presented by Messrs. British American Tobacco Co.).

Pictorial: —1st Prize, "Eucalypti," Mr. P. A. Dragon, Award: Gold Medal presented by the club; 2nd Prize, "Design," Mr. J. Kotwall, Award: Silver Medal (presented by the club).

Portraiture:—"Seven Eyes," Mr. A. Abbas, Award: Gold Medal (presented by Mr. E. Wylie). Commercial:—"La Puerta del Sol," Mr. R. Pestonji, Award: Silver Medal (presented by Mr. Wylie).

Members: Best Picture: "Romance," Mr. A. A. Rumjahn, Award: Gold Medal (presented by the President Dr. M. B. Osman).

Pictorial:—1st Prize, "Outward Bound," Mr. N. K. Ann, Award: Gold Medal (presented by the club); 2nd Prize, "Morn Dew," Mr. Alfred Lock, Award: Silver Medal (presented by Mr. A. A. Rumjahn); 3rd Prize, "Morning Shadows," Mr. K. W. Khoo, Award: Silver Medal (presented by Mr. A. A. Rumjahn); 3rd Prize, "Columns," Mr. Yeap Chong-yew, Award: Silver Medal (presented by the club).

Portraiture:—"Sonny Boy," Dr. M. B. Osman, Award: Gold Medal, (presented by Mrs. W. T. Southorn).

Beginners' Competition, Open:—1st Prize, "The Team," Mr. Sum Shu-kai, Award: 20 Kodak (presented by Messrs. E. Kodak Co., Hong Kong); 2nd Prize, "Ming Bowl," Mr. Chow Cheng-lum, Award: Rytol, developing outfit (presented by Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome and Co., Shanghai).

Members:—1st Prize, "Childhood and Old Age," Mr. V. Enok, Award: Vest Pocket Kodak (presented by Messrs. A. Sek and Co., Hong Kong); 2nd Prize, "Ham Yee Kai," Mr. F. S. Fernando, Award: Rytol developing outfit (presented by Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome and Co., Shanghai).

Advance, Hon. Mention:—Cloud and Sunshine, Wong Shing Hang; The Arch, Glencahy, F. J. Tavares; Sand Hill, S. Ikeda; Evening, P. A. Dragon; L'Apres-midi, P. A.

COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY

STORAGE DECREASING IN ISLAND

CONSUMPTION STATIONARY

The "China Mail" is officially informed that the total storage in the island reservoirs on Monday morning amounted to 1,373.33 million gallons, showing a decrease of 46.11 million gallons during the past week. The amount collected from streams was 1.63 million gallons.

The week's consumption amounted to 47.74 million gallons. In Kowloon the total storage in the mainland reservoirs on Monday morning amounted to 477.63 million gallons, showing a decrease of 5.76 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 25.88 million gallons, not including 1.69 million gallons supplied to water boats at Laichikok. The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week was 21.81 million gallons.

Storage
The following shows the amount in storage (million gallons) on the dates named:

	Hong Kong	Mainland
April 22	326.38	186.81
" 29	327.23	117.44
May 6	311.72	121.65
" 13	309.34	125.34
" 20	283.97	115.90
" 27	261.03	102.18
June 3	237.50	87.96
" 10	212.77	85.61
" 17	182.75	80.51
" 24	177.62	100.28
July 1	175.54	114.27
" 8	157.79	105.52
" 15	152.07	307.31
" 22	400.22	277.00
" 29	993.30	307.04
Aug. 5	1,251.80	438.58
" 12	1,353.34	442.36
" 19	1,615.84	452.35
" 26	1,789.09	401.41
Sept. 2	1,878.13	497.96
" 9	1,914.62	495.71
" 16	1,905.81	496.35
" 23	1,884.04	501.32
" 30	1,884.24	515.50
Oct. 7	1,880.13	514.98
" 14	1,839.64	515.03
" 21	1,794.29	514.87
" 28	1,749.59	514.61
Nov. 4	1,695.60	514.64
" 11	1,655.60	514.45
" 18	1,606.73	514.73
" 25	1,581.20	505.89
Dec. 2	1,514.80	496.54
" 9	1,454.37	489.90
" 16	1,418.44	483.29
" 23	1,373.33	477.53

The following figures show the weekly consumption (million gallons) on the dates mentioned:—

	Hong Kong	Mainland
April 22	37.59	30.76
" 29	37.69	29.35
May 6	33.03	27.17
" 13	30.57	25.07
" 20	31.93	25.06
" 27	33.86	25.36
June 3	27.48	24.85
" 10	27.37	19.49
" 17	30.18	14.04
" 24	27.14	11.08
July 1	27.21	20.71
" 8	27.25	19.91
" 15	26.77	17.87
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After 31 years of egg-laying trials, the quest of the 300-egg producer has yielded so brief a list of authentic instances in this country as to justify the interest aroused by the performance of a White Wyandotte hen in the 1928-29 National Laying Test, which laid 302 eggs during the 48 weeks of the test and completed the year with a total of 320, writes a correspondent of "The Times."

It would be an injustice to the breeder to class this hen as a freak, though, in the present state of our knowledge about poultry breeding, nutrition, and production, we may be disposed to scoff at these phenomenal records and deplore the tendency to exalt the spectacular in preference to the commercial ideal. But it would be more correct to regard such a hen as symptomatic of the advance which has taken place in the cultivation of laying character as a result of more than 30 years of breeding on pedigree principles; and if we consider also that of 329 eggs not more than about 40 failed to reach the 202 grade, it will be appreciated that the symptom has a very healthy significance. Though the breeder may never attain such a record again, he has the satisfaction of knowing that his method has been correct, since the production of 329 eggs in a year (and not more than 40 below the first grade) is the most satisfactory proof that a consistent policy of breeding and selection yields steady and sometimes substantial progress beyond the limit of past attainment—provided always, of course, that the feeding and management enable the birds to exercise their faculties to the fullest extent.

The practical value of a 329-egg layer depends upon her powers of reproduction, and we are justified in assuming, from the remarkable stamina of this British hen, from the size of her eggs, and from her condition at the end of her laying year, that she possesses the inherent capacity to transmit her remarkable powers, more likely through the medium of her son than of her daughters. In many cases it has been shown that, where a very good layer has proved effective in the breeding pen, her character has been better reflected in the second generation, through the daughters of her sons than through her own daughters, though it is possible that one of the latter may inherit the mother's productive ability, in which case one has a strong guide to breeding policy. The aspiring breeder of limited experience may wonder whether a 300-egg hen is within the scope of his ability. It is if he preserves with a strain which shows consistent progress, and if he resists the temptation to breed for numbers without regard to size of egg. But whether the 300-egg record will do him any good will depend entirely upon whether his strain still presents a prospect of further progress, or even consolidation; or whether physical factors indicate that the limit of endurance has been reached.

THE ROSE TRADE

Modern Dutch & French
Methods

Paris.—A War of the Roses is raging on the Continent. The Dutch flower market is beginning very seriously to dispute the French trade in roses, the challenge being all the more grave since the Dutch flower-growing centre, Aalsmeer, is equipped with all the latest horticultural improvements.

In France roses are not grown in glasshouses. The summer trade is supplied by the Brié district, within thirty miles of Paris. When a plant is ready to flower it is protected by a movable glasshouse, which brings the blooms to perfection, a system which enables growers to send 35,000 bunches of a dozen roses each to Paris. The winter market is supplied by the South of France, where roses bloom all the year round except in July and August, when it is too hot. The pale yellow, pink-tipped roses of the Riviera are familiar all over Europe at Christmas time.

Such a system, however, is at the mercy of an occasional unexpected snap. The Dutch method provides for cultivation in hot-houses, where the roses bloom for ten months out of twelve, and the "rose factory" of Aalsmeer is giving French growers furiously to think.

Messrs. Saunders-Roe, of Cowes, are building a new flying boat amphibian for an air service which is to be started between Tasmania and Australia. The machine will be driven by two engines, and is so designed that it would be kept aloft by its wings if an air accident happened whilst crossing the sea.

PLOT TO STEAL L'AIGLON

SCHEME TO SELL REMAINS OF
NAPOLEON'S SON TO FRANCE

DEATH FOR BETRAYAL

A plan to steal the body of Napoleon's son, the Duke of Reichstadt, from the Capuchin crypt, where the bones of the Hapsburgs lie, and sell it to France, which has long vainly sought to obtain it by diplomatic means, has been disclosed by a confession of four young auto bandits arrested recently, states the "New York Times."

The youths held up a sugar factory payroll messenger, robbing him of \$2,000 in what Vienna newspapers called the "American fashion," and escaped with the booty after a mad chase in a stolen auto through Vienna streets, in the course of which one of them was slightly wounded on the shoulder by the sabre of a traffic policeman, whom they almost ran down.

When ultimately arrested, the youths revealed that their next attempt was to have been the theft of the body of the only son of the great Napoleon I. The body lies with that of his mother, Marie Louise of Austria.

As soon as he returned from Elba Napoleon demanded the return of his wife and son from Austria. This was refused while they were still alive and, although France almost fought a war to recover them in 1852, every demand for the removal has been denied.

France renewed the requests after the Great War, but Baron Streisl, a Viennese lawyer for the Empress Zita, has refused them on her orders. Without her consent it is impossible even for the Austrian Government to compel the Capuchin fathers to transfer the sarcophagus and its embalmed contents to France.

The youthful bandits, features of whose organization were a blood oath, a death penalty for betrayal and establishment of an "unemployment dole" for lean periods, saw in this situation an opportunity for riches. They visited the crypt with other sightseers and secretly measured the sarcophagus.

Next to the crypt is a bank building, one of the basement rooms of which is rented to a furrier. On discovering that this room was separated from the crypt only by a thin wall, the thieves had planned to break through it, extract the body from its sarcophagus, transfer it to a chest and ship it to France.

The Capuchin fathers, although they deny that such a robbery would have been as easy as it looked, are now strengthening the wall and taking other precautions to make violation of the crypt impossible.

The son of Napoleon I, variously known as Napoleon II, L'Aiglon (the eagle) and as the Duke of Reichstadt, was born in Paris in 1811 and died at Schonbrunn, near Vienna, in 1832. After Waterloo Napoleon I abdicated in favour of Napoleon II, but the French Senate disregarded his request and called Louis XVIII to the throne. The title Duke of Reichstadt was granted by Emperor Francis of Austria, his grandfather. As an infant the Duke was proclaimed King of Rome.

Berlin has a number of taxi-drivers who can speak to foreign visitors in their own languages. They are henceforth to wear armlets indicating their linguistic capabilities.

The Bristol City Council has approved of a new markets and slum clearance scheme at a cost of half a million pounds.

BISHOP'S APPEAL

"Clergy Breaking Down
Through Overwork"

The Bishop of London has issued a letter to church people in his diocese. He asks for their support of the London Diocesan Fund in the "week of prayer and self-denial."

"If the Church in the diocese is to be maintained," he writes, "we must have an annual income of £55,000; if the Church in the diocese is to be extended we must have £75,000. We are £10,000 a year short for maintenance, and £30,000 a year short for extension."

"It means that the parochial work of the clergy is breaking down. There is not a poor parish in the diocese which is fully staffed. The clergy are breaking down through overwork. The vacant ranks of the ministry are not being filled, for we have not enough money to pay for the training of the many men who are anxious to offer themselves. We have never yet been able to give to the clergy what we are all agreed is the minimum stipend they should have. Saddest of all, we are not able to provide clergy and churches for the new districts growing so rapidly in the suburbs."



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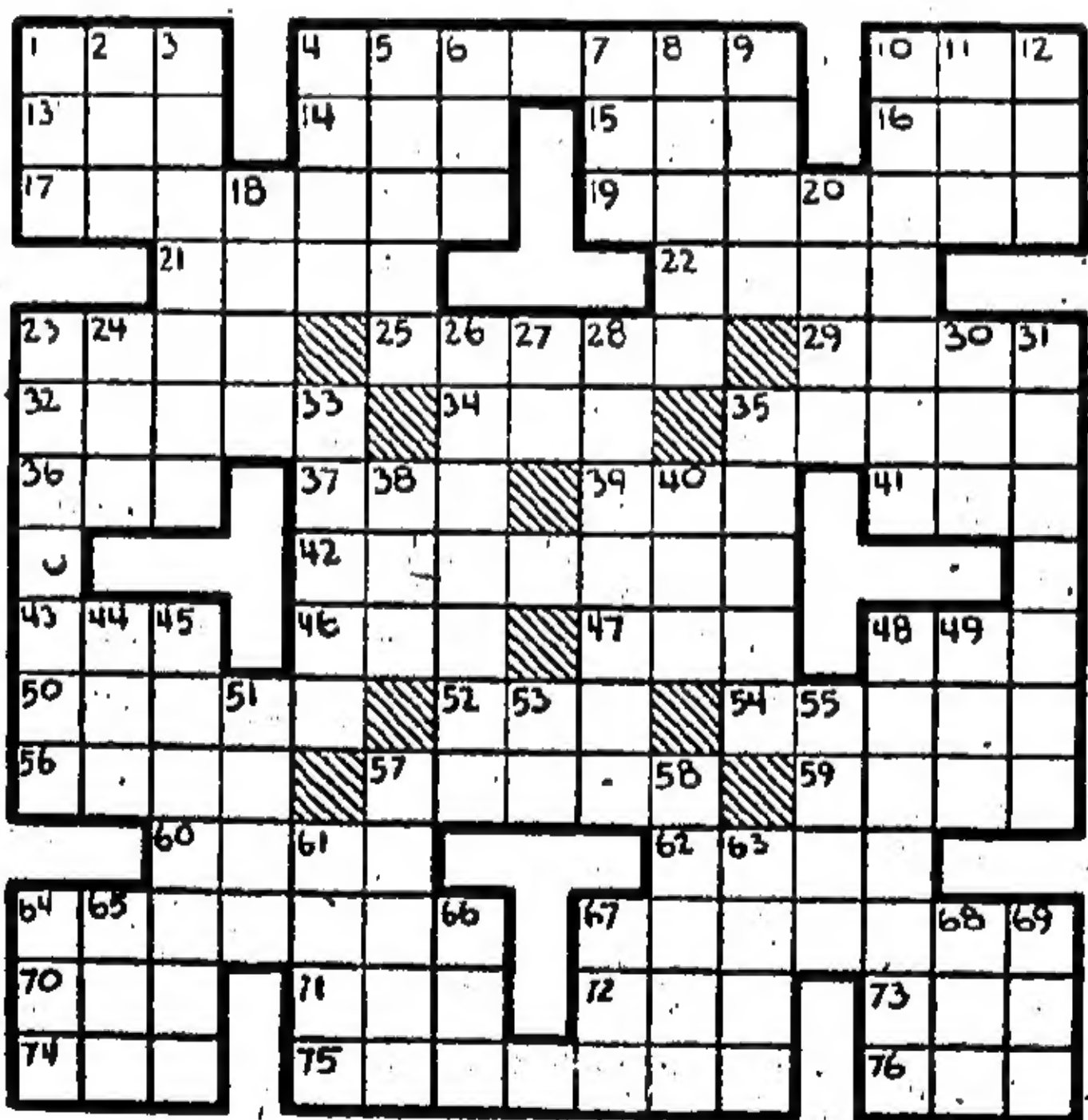
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plain, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Nod
- 4-Groove
- 10-Perceived
- 13-S. W. State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 14-Swiss river
- 15-Water (French)
- 16-Unit
- 17-Curing, as hides
- 18-Stranded
- 21-To urge insistently
- 22-Table supports
- 23-Soon
- 24-Fur-bearing animal
- 25-Scraped linen
- 32-Cont.
- 33-Reflected side
- 35-Regenerate
- 36-Newspaper notices (abbr.)
- 37-Religion (abbr.)
- 39-Exit
- 41-Casual or slight
- 42-Embellished
- 43-Clammy
- 44-Industrial workers of the world (abbr.)
- 47-Girl's name
- 48-A label
- 50-Vegetable
- 52-Eagle
- 54-Sister of a sister
- 56-Approach
- 57-Proven

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 59-Terrible (simplified spelling)
- 60-Manner of walking
- 62-Never (contr.)
- 64-An open boat
- 67-Windflower
- 70-High hill (Eng.)
- 71-Compass point (abbr.)
- 72-To make void (simplified spelling)
- 73-Beam
- 74-Yes
- 75-Condition of abnormal dryness of part
- 76-Parsley

VERTICAL

- 1-Winged mammal
- 2-Girl's name
- 3-Creeping in wall for admission of light
- 4-Brother of Abel
- 5-Depends
- 6-Silver (chem. sym.)
- 7-National Education Association (abbr.)
- 8-Kind of prey
- 9-Entire
- 10-Splashing
- 11-Girl's name
- 12-Number

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 21-Amorous look
- 22-Fork
- 24-Bow
- 25-Conceded
- 27-Exist
- 28-Tilting
- 30-Combining form
- 31-Played on stringed instrument by plucking
- 32-Continuous leak
- 33-Perforation angle
- 34-Boy's name (abbr.)
- 40-Color
- 44-Pemaline suffix
- 45-Pamphlet falls
- 46-Intolerable nuisance
- 49-High card
- 51-Verbal
- 52-Egyptian sun-god
- 53-The same
- 54-Make amends
- 55-Feeling of listless weariness
- 56-Branches of the holly family
- 57-Gilted flag
- 58-Sign
- 59-Garden implement
- 60-Profess. By
- 61-Answer (abbr.)
- 62-Nb (best)
- 63-Whetstone saw

RADIO TOPICS



The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 355 and 49 metres:—

1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.
5.53 p.m.—Programme of Victor & H.M.V. records supplied by the courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie, Ltd.

"New Moon"—Selection (Romberg).
"Wake up and dream"—Selection (Porter)

New Mayfair Orchestra.
"Valse Mystérieuse" (Meale).
"Souvenir Di Valentino" (Wood).
"Wedding of the painted Doll" (Brown).

"My flame of Love" (Nichols).
De Groot.

"Minuet in G" (Beethoven).
"Faust"—Waltz (Gounod).
Edward O'Henry.

"If I didn't miss you" (Endor and Steinberg).
"I've always wanted to call you my sweetheart" (Endor, Steinberg & Ward).

Gracie Fields, Comedienne.
5.30-6 p.m.—Children's Programme.

6-7 p.m.—Programme of Victor & H.M.V. records &c.

"Song of the Flea" (Goethe-Moussorgsky).
"Barbiere Di Siviglia-La Calunnia" (Rossini).
Feodor Chaliapin.

"Minuet" (Paderewski, Op. 14, No. 1).
"Moonlight Sonata-Adagio Sostenuto" (Beethoven, Op. 27, No. 2).
Ignace Jan Paderewski.

"Song of the Volga Boatmen" (Russian Folk Song).
"Shining Moon".

Kirilloff's Russian Balalaika Orchestra.

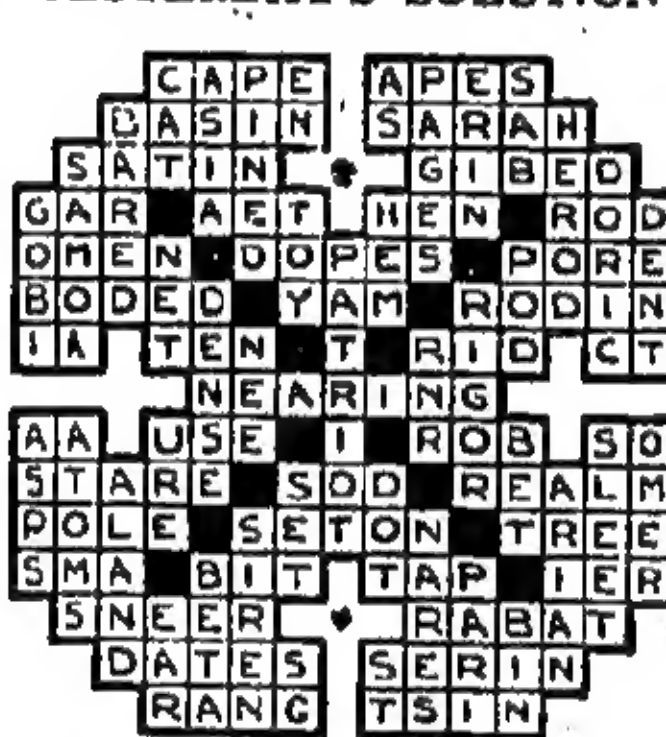
"Cross Roads" (Klages-Art-Mendoza).
"Marie" (Irving Berlin).

"Nights of Gladness—Valse" (Charles Amelife).
"Millionaire—Valse Hésitation" (Frank W. McKee).

Rudy Seiger's Shell Symphonists.

"Little Pat" (Jolson-De Sylva-Brown-Henderson).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



"I love to hear you singing" (Lillian Glanville-Haydn Wood).
John McCormack.
"Caprice Viennese" (Kreiser).
"Humoresque" (Dvorak-Kreiser).
Fritz Kreisler.

"Glockenspiel" (Meale).
"Pastorale" (Gullmunt).
Arthur Meale & A. Neville Taylor.

"Hungarian Rhapsody"—No. 2—Parts 1 & 2 (Liszt).
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

7.48 p.m.—Weather Report.
9-10.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese Music.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.
December 25, 1929, Xmas Day

10.55 a.m.—Morning Service Relayed from St. John's Cathedral.

12.15 p.m. (Approx.)—Close Down.

END OF DISPUTE

Dance Titles To Be Given Again

It is understood that the announcement of the titles of dance music numbers broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corporation from outside their studios, which was discontinued at the end of February, was to be resumed on November 1 according to mail week papers.

The reason for the decision of the B.B.C. to discontinue these announcements, which had always been extremely popular with listeners, was taken because of friction, which nearly developed into a scandal, caused by "song plugging."

System of Graft
The B.B.C. discovered that it was being made the medium of an extensive system of graft, while the public was being deprived of listening to some of the best song and dance music.

It was found in 1927 that certain music publishers were obtaining unfair publicity for their particular numbers by the device of coming to secret arrangements with orchestra leaders. On the other hand, music publishers who refused to negotiate with certain orchestra leaders were complaining that even when they published first-class numbers which the public wanted to hear, orchestras refused to play them, and they never reached B.B.C. listeners.

Broadcasting authorities attempted to solve the problem of "plugging," and to obtain an improvement in their programmes, by joint action with the music publishers. An arrangement was made, but this proved ineffective and broke down last January.

When the announcements were stopped the B.B.C. was flooded with letters from listeners demanding to know the reason for the stop and asking for the announcements to be resumed. The publishers were

equally perturbed and entered into negotiations with the B.B.C., which have at last, it is believed, resulted in an understanding which will enable the announcements of titles to be made under fair conditions.

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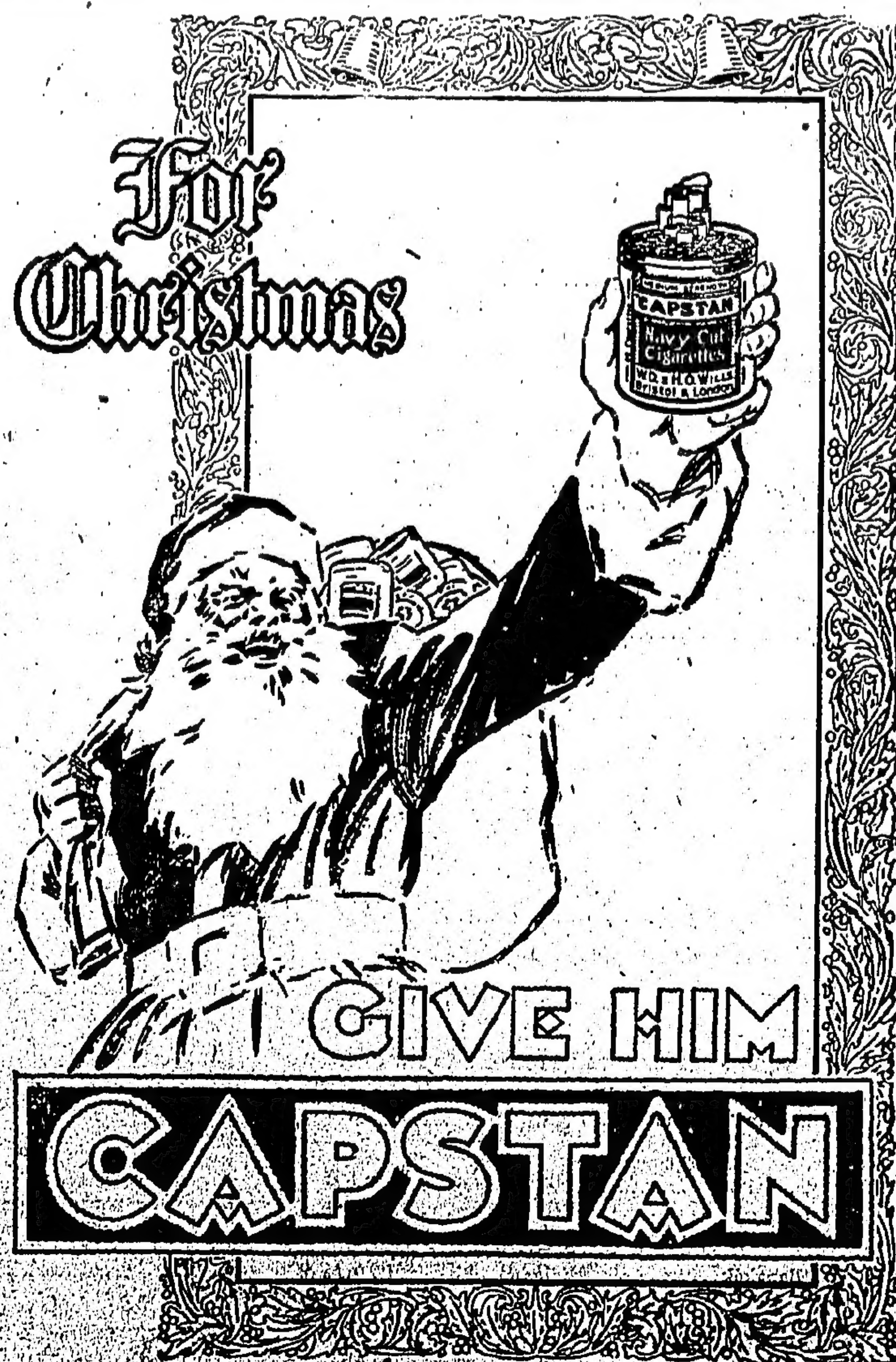
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On Wednesday, the 25th inst. and Thursday, the 26th inst. the G.P.O. and Branch Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 9 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24.
Straits	Van Heutsz	
Japan	Tango Maru	
Japan	Tilawa	
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London, Nov. 28)	Takada	
Straits	Mirzapore	
Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru	
Canada (Victoria, B.C. Dec. 7), U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Canada	
U.S.A. (San Francisco, Nov. 29), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Garfield	

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24.
Saigon	Prominent	8.30 p.m.
Saigon	Clara Jensen	4.30 p.m.
Port Bayard	Tai Pao Sek	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Patroclus (Due Marseilles, Jan. 22, 1930.)	
K.P.O.	G.P.O.	
Registration Dec. 24, 4.30 p.m.	Registration Dec. 24, 5 p.m.	
Letters 4.30 p.m.	Letters 5 p.m.	
Swatow, Foochow and Wei Hai	Cheongshing	5 p.m.
Wei	Wai Shing	5 p.m.
Swatow	Tango Maru (Due Thursday Is., Jan. 6, 1930.)	
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Registration Dec. 24, 5 p.m.	
Holhow & Halphong & Wuchow via Halphong	New Mathilde	5 p.m.
Amoy	Yingchow	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halyang	9 a.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26.		
Holhow, Pakhoi & Halphong & Wuchow via Pakhoi	Menado Maru	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Bellerophon	9 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangeas	9 a.m.
Rabatul	Brismar	9 a.m.
Holhow and Bangkok	Kalpa	9 a.m.

THE DANGER IN EGYPT

CHAMBERLAIN CONDEMNS LABOUR'S POLICY
RETROGRADE STEPS

London, Yesterday. The House of Commons to-day debated on Egypt on a motion of adjournment by Sir Austen Chamberlain, who declared that the contingent promise to allow the Egyptian Battalion to return to the Sudan was a dangerous retrograde step, and condemned the clauses in the proposals bearing upon the protection of British interests in Egypt, particularly the lines of communication, and also the pro-

CHRISTMAS WEATHER

The lowest temperature recorded at the Observatory to-day was 44.8 degrees, at 5 p.m. as compared with 44.5, the lowest (at 6 a.m. and 7 a.m.) yesterday.

The local forecast until noon to-morrow is:—"Fresh N.E. winds, fair."

tection of foreigners and the foreign policy, which meant that the foreign policy of the British Empire would be governed by the interests of Egypt. "The elephant's march was conditioned by the mouse's trot." Mr. Henderson, replying, said that Sir Austen Chamberlain seemed to think that there was little chance of the Egyptian Government carrying out the agreement in the spirit in which it was made. That was not the spirit in which the Government entered into the negotiations. It would not be the spirit in which the negotiations concluded once they had started after the Egyptian Parliament had ratified the proposals.

Mr. Churchill Snubbed

London, Later. Mr. Churchill said that the acceptance of the treaty in its present form and the withdrawal of troops from Cairo were likely to lead to bloodshed in Egypt, and a dangerous situation on the Mediterranean.

Sir Herbert Samuel opined that it was most desirable that the draft of the treaty should be carried out in the interests of the British Empire as well as of Egypt.

Dr. Hugh Dalton, Foreign Under-Secretary, declared that the rate of the removal of troops from Cairo and Alexandria would depend pri-

DISTURBANCES IN NIGERIA

POLICE COMPELLED TO FIRE ON MOB OF WOMEN

EUROPEAN HURT

PLAN TO PARALYSE TROOPS AND LOOT THE FACTORIES

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons to-day at question time, Dr. Drummond Shiels, dealing with the recent disturbances in Southern Nigeria, stated that a mob of women, armed with sticks, arrived at Opobo on December 16, and cut off the District Officer and twelve police from the rest of the town, leaving the Europeans defenceless. A platoon of troops under Lieutenant R. M. Hill arrived, but the mob pushed back the troops.

After giving over ten warnings, and as attempts were made to snatch the rifles from the troops, and the District Officer being attacked, Lieut. Hill ordered them to fire. Nineteen women and one man were killed; ten women died of their wounds, and eight women were pushed in the river by the rush of the mob and drowned.

They were satisfied that opening fire was the only possible course to save life and property. The Chief Jaja states that the plan was drawn up on the assumption that women would not be fired on. The women were to rush the officials and the men would then loot the factories.

The only other casualties were at Abako, where the police were compelled to fire on a frenzied mob. Six women were killed.

European ladies were assaulted in riots at Aba, on the Imo River. The general situation is now well in hand.—Reuter.

The principal publishing houses of Stockholm, Oslo and Copenhagen have combined to offer prizes for the nine best Scandinavian novels. The prizes amount to nearly £4,000, and the books will be published in all three capitals.

marly on the speed with which the Egyptian authorities created the required amenities in the Canal Zone, and trusted that the Nationalists had enough commonsense to know that Mr. Churchill was now out of office and Egypt had to deal with different men propounding new principles. He refuted "the panic suggestion" that the treaty would enable foreign armies to invade Egypt, and pointed out that Egypt be protected by the League Convention. The debate adjourned.—Reuter.

MOTOR ACCESSORIES STOLEN

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A DRIVER

BAIL OF \$1,000

"This is not an isolated case of theft. Motor thefts have become well regularised."

This statement was made by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning in fixing bail of \$1,000 for a Chinese named Kwok Siu-kan, charged as under:—

(1) the theft, between October 21 and December 21 of motor car

TYPHOON WARNING

The following telegram has been received from Manila Observatory by the American Consulate General at 9 a.m.:—

Correction to Typhoon service of December 23 11 a.m.—Typhoon in about 139 degrees Long. E. and 14 degrees Lat. N., moving N.W.

accessories, the property of the Hong Kong Hotel garage;

(2) the theft on October 20 of a motor car bumper, the property of Lam Ying, of the Sang Lee firm of contractors; and

(3) the theft on November 15 of a jack, a spanner, three winches, a turn screw, and a pair of pliers, the property of a Chinese named Chiu Si-kee, whose address was not given.

There were alternative charges of receiving stolen property.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall, instructed by the accused's wife, appeared for the defence, and asked for a remand as he had only just been retained.

Before giving an adjournment, Mr. Hamilton asked for the facts of the case.

His Worship fixed hearing of the case for 11.30 a.m. on December 30.

Mr. Rendall applied for bail saying that accused was the owner of a public motor car. He got his living by running the car, and it was not likely that he would run away.

His Worship then fixed bail after making the remark quoted above.



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